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Things to Worry About



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Hazard, Unincorporated—
Anything for a Price

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

"Anything for a price." That might well be the slogan of three Willamette university students—Jess McDougal, Ron Coffey and Gerald Meinke—who have organized "Hazard, Unincorporated."

The trio offers to do just about anything short of murder, providing you have the money to pay them. To date, they have not had a single call for leaping off bridges, going over Niagara falls in a barrel, etc., but they're willing to take on such jobs when and if they are approached.

The start of "Hazard, Unincorporated," was quite natural. Like nearly all college students, McDougal, Coffey and Meinke were short on cash. Hunting for jobs did nothing more than wear their shoe soles even a little thinner. So, in desperation for some kind of income, they decided to put themselves up for whatever service someone might want done.

So next time kitty gets stranded in a tree, why not give the guys a ring? Their telephone number is 2-1525.

Jack Wilson, 1948 Salem Senator baseball manager who still lives in Salem, draws mention in current edition of "The Sporting News," national sports mag. Jack was major league pitcher for nine years.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Women Just Melt and Swoon
Whenever They See Gertrude

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Women usually can develop a fondness for anything in the world—except another woman.

One of the few women of our times genuinely popular with her own sex is Mrs. Gertrude Berg. Ladies who would give Lana Turner a sub-zero glare just melt and swoon in Gertrude's lap whenever they see her.

"Ooooooooh, Molly, you're so wonderful!" they gush. And Gertrude gives them a patient Mona Lisa smile and an autograph, and the ladies feel they have had a victory that day. They even go home and give their husbands a kind word.

The reason they call her Molly is that for nearly 21 years Mrs. Berg has authored and played the leading role in the radio serial, "The Goldbergs," whose heroine is Molly, a plump Bronx wife.

For these two decades she has represented the Hausfrau triumphant in an era when career women have been winning most of the plaudits. And she knows that is the reason for her popularity.

"If I were glamorous, the women wouldn't like me at all," sighed Mrs. Berg contentedly over the ruins of luncheon chunk of lemon chiffon pie.

The pie was only a symbol of Mrs. Berg's philosophy of taking life as it is.

"I always diet tomorrow," she said. She doesn't mind being regarded by the public as a fine wife, and she doesn't mind looking like a wife who has gone the way of all flesh that enjoys good food.

But big, placid and comfortable as she appears, she is one of the most talented, astute and determined career women of her generation. She has made a success of both her home and her career without getting excited about it. And Gertrude has managed to stay just as warm and friendly in her private life as Molly has in public.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Winning Peace No Easy Task;
May Take 50 to 100 Years

(Ed. Note—This is the second of Drew Pearson's columns on how the U. S. A. can win the peace).

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Fred Osborn, former U. S. representative on the U. N. atomic energy commission, recently predicted that it might take 100 years of prodigious effort by the American people to work out a permanent peace.

In view of the fact that the world fought for a solid century

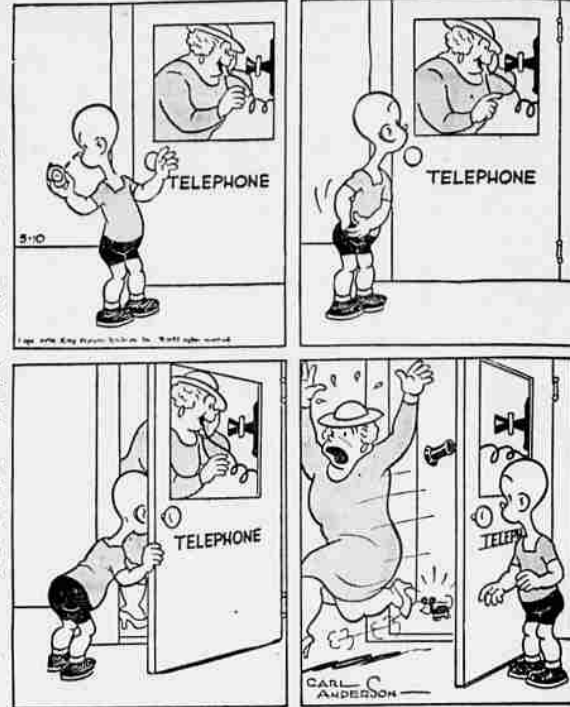
during the hundred years' war and in the 17th century went through the spasms of the thirty years' war, Osborn's estimate may not be too pessimistic. But, being a perennial optimist, I have scaled the time down to 25-50 years. I agree with Osborn, however, that it will require the same kind of hard work our forefathers put in when they built this country to win the peace against a country which is determined the free world must disappear.

As stated yesterday, my own ideas on winning the peace are only "gropings," and I make no claim of originality or copyright. They are put forward after talking with a great many people, including Sumner Welles and Sen. Brien McMahon, who has done more solid thinking about the Russian problem than anyone along Pennsylvania avenue.

At any rate here are my suggestions:
G.O.P. Coalition
1. Bring about greater unity among the American people. We cannot fight a prolonged war of nerves entailing great sacrifices, unless we have just as much national unity as during the recent war. Greater unity can be achieved by:
A. Bringing outstanding Republicans into positions of leadership inside the administration.
B. By keeping the American people better informed. Instead of abrupt handouts from the White House or hasty statements made at presidential press conferences, Mr. Truman should go on the air every month with a frank and personal report to the American people.
C. Goad, maneuver and manipulate Moscow into calling an international conference — on atomic energy or anything else — even if we know in advance it will fail. We shouldn't get up any false hopes, because Russia isn't going to let any conferences succeed—unless she writes the ticket. And we should attend any conference, no matter who calls it, because we cannot leave unturned any stone that might bring peace. (Copyright 1950)

BY CARL ANDERSON

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MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Billion Dollar Military Aid to
Western Europe Under Way

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

America's billion dollar military aid program for the rearming of Western Europe got under way yesterday, thus starting implementation of the Grand Defense strategy of the Atlantic allies, approved by President Truman only six weeks ago.

It is worthy of note that the first shipment was to France. This consisted of a war plane which were put aboard the French aircraft carrier Dixmude at Norfolk. France will get further help, and her acting ambassador, Jean Daridan, declared that the aid program "will facilitate the determined effort which France is making to insure her own security, a condition and consequence of the security of all."

M. Daridan wasn't employing empty words. La Belle France is vastly worried about her security and with good reason, having been trampled under the hob-nailed boots of invading armies three times since 1870. As a matter of fact the current state visit of French President Auriol to London is said to be concerned in part with defense of Europe in general and France in particular. As Paris sees it, the American-Western European military strategy is based on Britain. The French want the defense centered solidly around their country so that it won't again be overrun by foreign troops. France's recent sensational pact with Germany's former rich coal-mining Saar basin fits into this picture. The Saar becomes a "republic" with considerable autonomy but with Paris in control of military security and foreign affairs. France also gets the coal for fifty years. All this is subject to approval of a German peace treaty conference.

Now as pointed out in a previous column, the Saar basin is of vast strategic value militarily, quite apart from her wealth of coal. France wants this zone as a buffer against invasion. Heretofore French fears of assault have been directed towards Germany which has attacked France three times in the past four score years. And although Germany is impotent at the moment, the French naturally don't want to take chances.

However, the major fears of France and the rest of Western Europe are directed toward the possible extension of the cold war into a hot war, with the communist forces driving for the English Channel. French anxiety is greatly increased because of the country's large and active communist population. The French Reds are doing everything possible to hamper military preparedness and have announced that shipments of arms under the American military program will be sabotaged at the docks.

In short, the French communists—like communists in every other democratic country—are citizens of Red Russia irrespective of their birthrights. They take their orders from Moscow. And the French communists have made it clear that in a showdown they will side with Russia. The French government is preparing for contingencies. As regards the military aid program, the government has served notice that sabotage will be dealt with ruthlessly by force. Thus the military shipments from America will be a godsend for France at this crucial juncture—and by the same token for the rest of Western Europe. As Ambassador Daridan says, French security is "a condition and consequence of the security of all."

Smells Too Doggone Good

Los Angeles, March 10 (AP)—Harold Martin smells too doggone good.

That's why he and Carl Lancaster, a friend, were acquitted yesterday of stealing a great dane and a collie dog, each valued at \$10,000.

Martin told a superior court jury that the dogs forced themselves into the defendants' car last December 3 and wouldn't leave.

The reason: Martin is a salesman and his clothes smell of the product he sells—dog food.

OPEN FORUM

Daylight Saving Time

To the Editor: I read the suggestion made by B. E. Braucht in your paper in regard to Daylight Saving Time. I am a hundred percent for his suggestion or idea. I always did say that if the folks in city that work in factories or some other job want to start earlier or later, let them start whenever they like and leave the clock as is.

Why always be changing the time and upset everything for the rest of the folks? This setting the clock back and forth does not lengthen or shorten the days. So why not leave it as is. I think we would all feel happy. A. D. BENDER, Scio, Oregon

Effect of H-Bomb on Peoples

To the Editor: In regard to your editorial of March 6th as to the possibility of the hydrogen bomb exterminating the human race. You are right. These bombs, and other frightening weapons of destruction, are not the works of God. The 12th chapter of Daniel tells us that in the last days of the earth "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Also, that "There shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation."

And in the 24th chapter of Matthew, when the disciples insisted on Jesus telling them "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" He answered: "Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world . . . and except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: But . . . those days shall be shortened."

It is probable that Daniel and Jesus were talking about these very days, and the days immediately ahead of us.

If man is allowed to continue indefinitely in his increased knowledge, there is no doubt whatever but that he shall destroy all life on earth. However, millions shall be killed.

The 25th chapter of Jeremiah tells us: "Evil shall go forth from nation to nation . . . and the slain shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried." But when man's wickedness reaches that

Illuminated Outdoor Christmas Trees

An Associated Press dispatch, dated San Francisco, March 9, which was printed in newspapers throughout the nation, reads as follows:

"The man who fathered the outdoor Christmas tree movement in California—an idea that spread throughout the nation—died Thursday night.

"He was Clarence F. Pratt, 75. In 1926, a sick boy was cheered by an illuminated redwood tree in front of Pratt's home. The boy recovered. His mother gave credit to the tree.

"So Pratt organized the Outdoor Christmas Tree association."

However, Mr. Pratt was not the originator of the illuminated outdoor Christmas tree, for in 1913, some 13 years before his time, a member of the recently organized Salem Cherrians, observed the symmetry and beauty of a Norway spruce planted in the courthouse plaza in the early 80s by County Judge J. J. Shaw. He suggested that it would make a wonderful community Christmas tree, so with the Cherrians and others, the tree was first illuminated on Christmas eve of that year.

The Capital Journal described the first outdoor celebration as follows:

"The Salem Cherrians marched through the streets in their white uniforms, following the Salem Cherrian band, to the courthouse plaza where thousands had gathered to witness the illumination. The crowds applauded when the first living outdoor community Christmas tree in the nation stood there in a blaze of colored lights with a beautiful star on top.

"At that time George Rodgers, the first King Bing, made it known that there was a bag of candy and a big red apple for each child of the community; also clothing and baskets of food for distribution to the needy.

"The choirs of various church organizations then sang Christmas carols and the Cherrian band furnished appropriate music.

"The Rev. H. E. Marshall came 1,000 miles from a vacation in the south to be the speaker for this first occasion. Like the Wise Men of Old he journeyed far to see the star and to witness the work of the Salem Cherrians who turned a community center into a blazing glory with their sparkling tree.

"Thus the Cherrians turned the thought of the community to a broader relationship of universal brotherhood and a ministry to the common heart and the need of humanity."

For 36 years, with the exception of a few years of war blackouts, the Cherrians have continued the Christmas illumination of the courthouse spruce, now a huge tree.

Whether the outdoor Christmas tree idea originated in Salem, we do not know. Probably not, for the Christmas tree originated centuries ago, probably in Germany, and perhaps dates from pagan times, and as the Preacher says in Ecclesiastes: "There is no new thing under the sun."

What Is Missing in Johnson's Explanation?

Louis Johnson's explanation of his order to put an aircraft warning system into effect was complete in itself, but he failed to tie it to the international situation.

The defense secretary put his belated explanation in a letter to Congressman Norblad from this district. He answered the question why such a system was needed. He said it would be used to fill the gaps in the present defense set-up. That is, to detect low-flying airplanes below the radar level or planes in gaps in the radar detection system. Furthermore, the warning system would be on the lookout for parachutists and gliders.

For these reasons, the public must rely on the judgment of the top military, naval and air command. If that combined command feels that such a warning system is imperative, than the public must assume that the decision to put the system into effect is sound.

That leads to the incomplete part of Johnson's explanation.

He did say the system was to be on a stand-by basis. In other words, all details of the system would be completed and personnel to man the network would be selected. Previously, the stand-by aspect of the system had not been mentioned. To have expected watchers to be on the job now would be to have anticipated a demoralized set-up from the start.

Johnson neglected, however, to lay the groundwork for acceptance of the system at this time. His recent statements have led the public to believe that the United States' forces have been in such good shape that there really was no need for real concern about the nation's defenses. In other words, Johnson himself has been digging away the groundwork necessary for an acceptance of a system at this time.

If the armed forces are in such good shape, why is civilian assistance, like air-raid watchers, necessary now? The answer to that question lies in the expanding imperialism of Soviet Russia. But Johnson neglects to touch on the world situation or to make a realistic public appraisal of the armed forces in relation to the growing military might of the Soviets.

In other words, Johnson is not telling the whole story in his explanation. He is passing over the fearful warnings of his Air Secretary, Symington, who is worried over the way Russia is outstripping the allied democracies in the arms race.

If a realistic warning system is needed at this time, and it apparently is, Johnson ought to give a realistic appraisal of the nation's armed forces and their ability to defend the nation and its world commitments. That is what is missing in his explanation revealed today.

Hollywood Coyote Gets Offers

Hollywood, March 10 (AP)—A wild coyote surprised this home of the wild west movie a few days ago by strolling down a fashionable boulevard. Today he had his choice of a loving home or a movie contract.

The city animal shelter said Universal-International offered the coyote a screen test. Twelve people offered him a home.

The department hasn't decided which deal to let his take.

Double Trouble

Omaha, Neb., March 10 (AP)—Everyone was seeing double, even the sober policemen.

Police picked up a man on an intoxication charge and loaded him in the patrol wagon. Before the wagon could get back to headquarters, another call to pick up a drunk came over the radio.

Police picked up the second man. He was the twin brother of the first drunk.

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